

### **REMARKS**

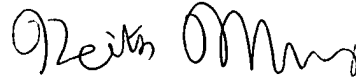
The above amendment is submitted in an effort to improve the quality of the issued patent and to provide proper protection for the invention; this amendment does not have any affect on the patentability or the scope of the claims, and was not submitted earlier due to the fact that the need for this amendment came to the attention of the applicants upon review of the file after receipt of the Notice of Allowance.

Specifically, the specification been amended to reference the provisional application of which the present application claims benefit to, i.e. U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/480,234, filed June 23, 2003. No new matter has been added and no new issues are raised which require further consideration or search. Applicants submit that this amendment is needed to provide proper protection for the claimed invention. This amendment does not require any additional search or examination as the scope of the claims are not affected. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered.

It is respectfully requested that these amendments be entered, and this application passed to issue upon payment of the Issue Fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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